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SUBJ:REQUEST FOR PATROL BOATS BY BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AND
DOMINICA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEPARATE REQUESTS FOR ONE
EACH PATROL BOAT FROM PREMIER PATRICK JOHN OF DOMINICA
AND CHIEF MINISTER HAROLD WHEATLEY OF BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS, (BVI). PURPOSE OF BOATS TO DISCOVER AND
INTERCEPT ILLICIT DRUG OPERATIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY.

2. DOMINICA IS ONE OF FIVE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
FOR WHICH BRITAIN REMAINS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AND DEFENSE. DOMINICA'S BUDGET ALWAYS EXTREMELY TIGHT.
BVI IS BRITISH CROWN COLONY. BRITAIN WILL
TERMINATE ITS SUBVENTION OF BVI'S BUDGET AT END OF 1979.
EACH COUNTRY HAS ONLY ONE LAUNCH NOW (ABOUT 21 FEET IN
LENGTH, AND EXISTING BOATS ARE REPORTEDLY
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SLOW, NOISY, AND TOTALLY INADEQUATE BY THEMSELVES TO
TO PATROL EXTENSIVE COVES AND ROCKY COVES.

3. IT IS TRUE WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE ISLANDS
OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN ARE YET EXTENSIVELY USED TO
TRANSSHIP HARD DRUGS (MARIJUANA IS MUCH MORE COMMON), BUT
CONDITIONS, INCLUDING OCCASIONAL CORRUPTION,

ARE RIFE TO ATTRACT SUCH TRAFFIC. CONSIDERING IMPOR-
TANCE OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION GENERALLY AND LIKELIHOOD
THAT WE WILL RECEIVE MORE SUCH REQUESTS FOR PATROL
BOATS FROM OTHER ISLANDS, EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR
DEA'S GUIDANCE AS HOW TO REPLY TO PREMIER JOHN AND
CHIEF MINISTER WHEATLEY.
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